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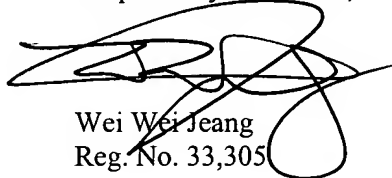
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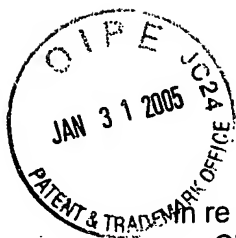

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the referenced application, please amend the application as shown in the accompanying sections and reconsider the referenced application in light of the amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.